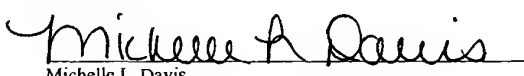


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Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendment to the Title** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include an attached sheet of new Figs. 3 and 4.

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**Amendment to the Title:**

Delete the title and substitute therefor: METHOD OF FORMING A UNITED  
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